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**Amendments to Claims:**

Claims 1-22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a stent comprising the steps of: providing a tube, the tube characterized by a longitudinal axis, having at least two different longitudinally spaced regions of different predetermined [physical characteristics] porosities and each region having substantially the same porosity about its circumference, and subsequently cutting a stent from the tube.

Claim 24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein a first portion of the tube is made from a first metal and a second portion of the tube, axially spaced from the first portion of the tube is made from a second metal different from the first metal.

Claim 25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein a first portion of the tube is characterized by a first porosity and a second portion of the tube, longitudinally spaced from the first portion of the tube, is characterized by a second porosity different from the first porosity.

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of disposing a treatment agent on the stent.

Claim 27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the stent includes a plurality of serpentine segments extending about the circumference of the stent.

Claim 28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the cutting step includes forming a plurality of serpentine segments which extend about the circumference of the stent.

Claim 29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the cutting step includes forming a plurality of openings which are elongate.

Claim 30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the cutting step includes forming a plurality of openings whose widths exceed their lengths.

Claim 31. (Withdrawn) A stent formed in accordance with the method of claim 23.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a stent comprising the steps of: providing a tube having at least two different longitudinally spaced regions of different predetermined [physical characteristics] porosities; and subsequently, cutting a plurality of openings in the tube to form a stent having multiple serpentine bands such that a first band has a different porosity than a second band.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 32 wherein a first portion of the tube

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is made from a first metal and a second portion of the tube, axially spaced from the first portion of the tube is made from a second metal different from the first metal.

**Claim 34. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 32 wherein a first portion of the tube is characterized by a first porosity and a second portion of the tube, longitudinally spaced from the first portion of the tube, is characterized by a second porosity different from the first porosity.

**Claim 35. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 32 further comprising the step of disposing a treatment agent on the stent.

**Claim 36. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 32 wherein at least some of the openings are bounded at a proximal end by a first serpentine segment and at a distal end by a second serpentine segment.

**Claim 37. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 36 wherein the openings which are bounded at a proximal end by a first serpentine segment and at a distal end by a second serpentine segment include a first side wall and a second side wall extending between and connecting the first and second serpentine segments.

**Claim 38. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 37 wherein the first and second side walls are non-parallel to the longitudinal axis of the stent.

**Claim 39. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 32 wherein at least some of the openings are bounded at a proximal end by a first serpentine segment and at a distal end by a second serpentine segment, the first and second serpentine segments having different physical characteristics.

**Claim 40. (Previously presented)** The method of claim 32 wherein at least some of the openings are bounded at a proximal end by a first serpentine segment made of a first metal and at a distal end by a second serpentine segment made of a second metal different from the first metal.

**Claim 41. (Withdrawn)** A stent formed in accordance with the method of claim 32.